

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following:

INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING
ENCRYPTED MESSAGE DATA

Please insert the following after the Title of the Invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP01/02866, filed April 2, 2001, which claims priority from Japanese Application No. P2000-105329, filed April 6, 2000, and from Japanese Application No. P2000-179695, filed June 15, 2000, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the heading at page 6, line 1 with the following:

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION